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EUROPEAN APPLE AND PEAR PROSPECTS AUGUST 1

* Apple prospects for Europe during the first part of August deteriorated slightly from July expectations while pears show little change, according to a cable received from the Agricultural Commissioner at Berlin. In Czechoslovakia only half of an average apple crop is expected because of heavy rains which knocked the immature fruit from the trees. The condition of apples in Switzerland on August 1 was 84 per cent of the 10 year average as compared with 88 per cent at the beginning of July. Prospects in Holland point toward a very poor apple crop. Austria reports further damage to the fruit crops from July rains while fruit in Hungary and Poland is said to be fully average in spite of some damage. France, on the other hand, is expected to have a better than average crop. Apples in Germany show little change from July conditions. The crop generally is expected to be about average or somewhat below, with best conditions to be found in the higher regions. In important districts of Wurttemberg, table apples are expected to yield a small to average crop, with cooking apples about average. In Bavaria, apples are reported as average; while conditions in the Rhine Valley are under average with some bad districts.

Pear crop prospects are quite favorable in countries reported for August 1. The crop of Czechoslovakia continues good and France and Holland report conditions above average. In Switzerland some damage occurred in July making the August 1 condition 82 per cent of the 10 year average compared with 84 per cent on July 1. Pears in Germany appear to be in very good condition generally, with the crop reported as average or above. In the Rhine area, however, conditions are reported as being no better for pears than for apples.

No recent information has been received on other European countries but the July prospects for the English and Irish apple crops were not promising while conditions in Belgium and Scotland indicated fairly good crops. The latest report on the Italian Tyrol apple crop, received early in July, stated that prospects were good.

